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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force.

1. At a meeting in Mr. Kirkpatrick's office on 6 January 1955 I reviewed for the group the progress of the Clark Task Force in the DD/A area, pointing out to them the problem that we were having in serving the principle laid down by the President that only Colonel Lane and General Clark should get into covert operations. I reported that I would meet with General Christiansen and Colonels Lane and Miller that afternoon at 4:30 p.m. to try to outline a procedure which would serve this principle as well as possible.

2. reported that Eddie Rickenbacker and Admiral Connally would travel together to Europe and be met there a little later by Colonel Lane.

3. Apparently Messrs. Cairns, Hollings, and Russell will go to the Far East. However, inasmuch as none of the Far East travelers is to have access to covert operations this will create a problem. (At the Deputies' Meeting on 7 January the Director suggested that we get in touch with General Clark and arrange to brief at least one of these people so that discussions might take place with our Senior Representatives concerning problems about which the Task Force might not get an accurate picture from the Department of State and Defense officials with whom they will be talking.)

4. Later in the day of 6 January and I met with General Christiansen, Colonel Lane, Colonel Miller, Mr. McGruder, and Mr. Carey and agreed upon a set of ground rules which will serve the "need-to-know" principle prescribed by the President and, at the same time, give Colonel Miller and Mr. McGruder the information they need to do their job on the overt side.

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